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TAGS: GATT, ETRD, EFIN, EEC

SUBJECT: GATT PANELS ON DISC AND OTHER TAX PRACTICES

REF: STATE 144469

1. PATTERSON GATT SECRETARIAT ASKED MISSION RECENTLY FOR REACTION TO FINNISH PERM REP KLAUS SAHLGREN AS CHAIRMAN SUBJECT PANELS IF AVAILABLE. PATTERSON ALSO WONDERED WHETHER SUITABLE TAX EXPERT FOR PANEL MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FROM IMF OR IBRD. HE SAID HE HAS NOT YET RAISED MATTER WITH EC IN VIEW OF AUGUST HOLIDAYS.

2. MISSION KNOWS OF NO ONE LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE WHO WOULD BE BETTER CHOICE THAN SAHLGREN, WHO IN OUR VIEW HAS BEEN CAPABLE AND OBJECTIVE CHAIRMAN OF PANEL ON DAQS AND EARLIER IMPORTANT WORKING PARTIES. IF WASHINGTON AGREES, WE WOULD AGREE TO SUGGESTION IF AND WHEN WE ARE PRESSED FOR ANSWER. HOWEVER WE WILL NOT
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RESPOND UNTIL ASKED AGAIN AND MIGHT ASK REACTIONS OF OTHER PARTIES

INVOLVED BEFORE GIVING ANSWER SINCE WE ASSUME WASHINGTON DOES
NOT WISH TO ENCOURAGE EARLY ACTIONS. SIMILARLY WE WOULD NOT
HURRY REPLY TO TAX EXPERT QUESTION.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE REACTION TO (A) SAHLGREN AND (B) POSSIBILITY
OF FUND OR BANK TAX EXPERT.BASSIN

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